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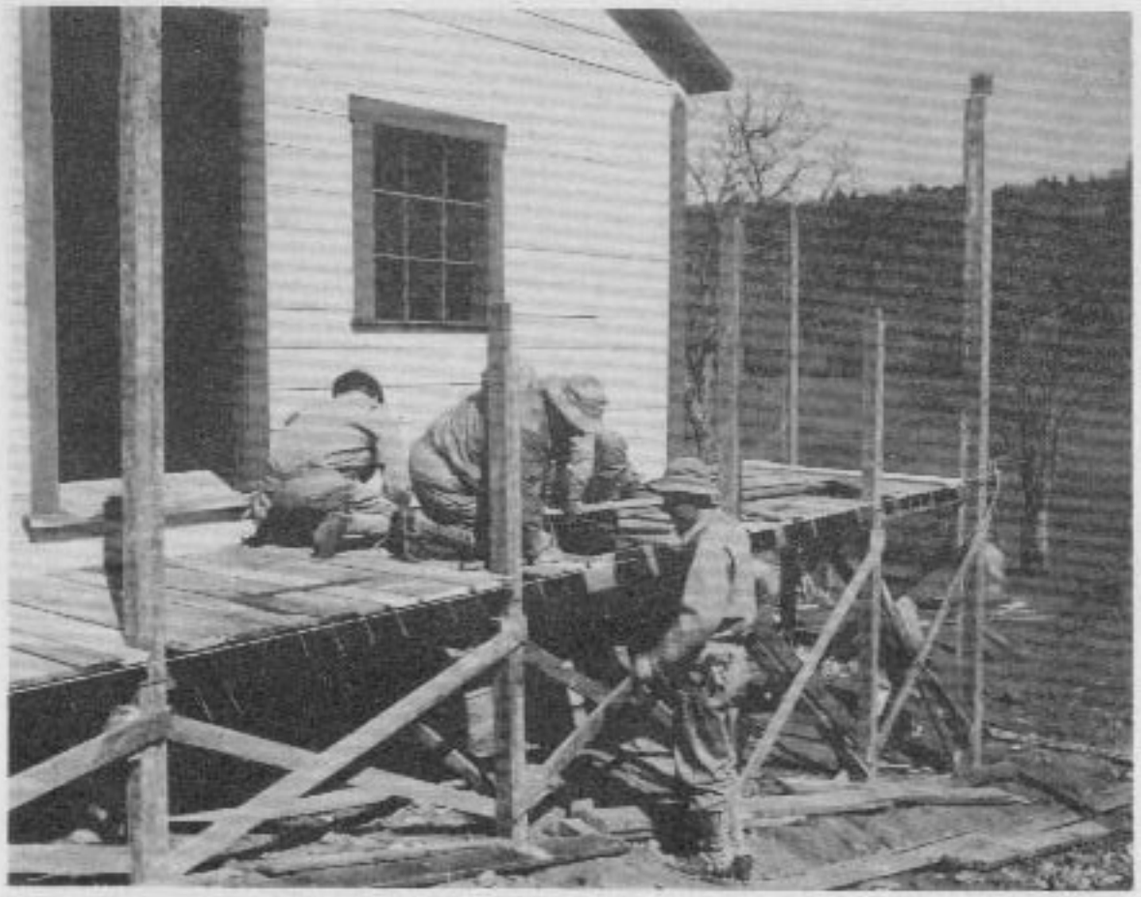

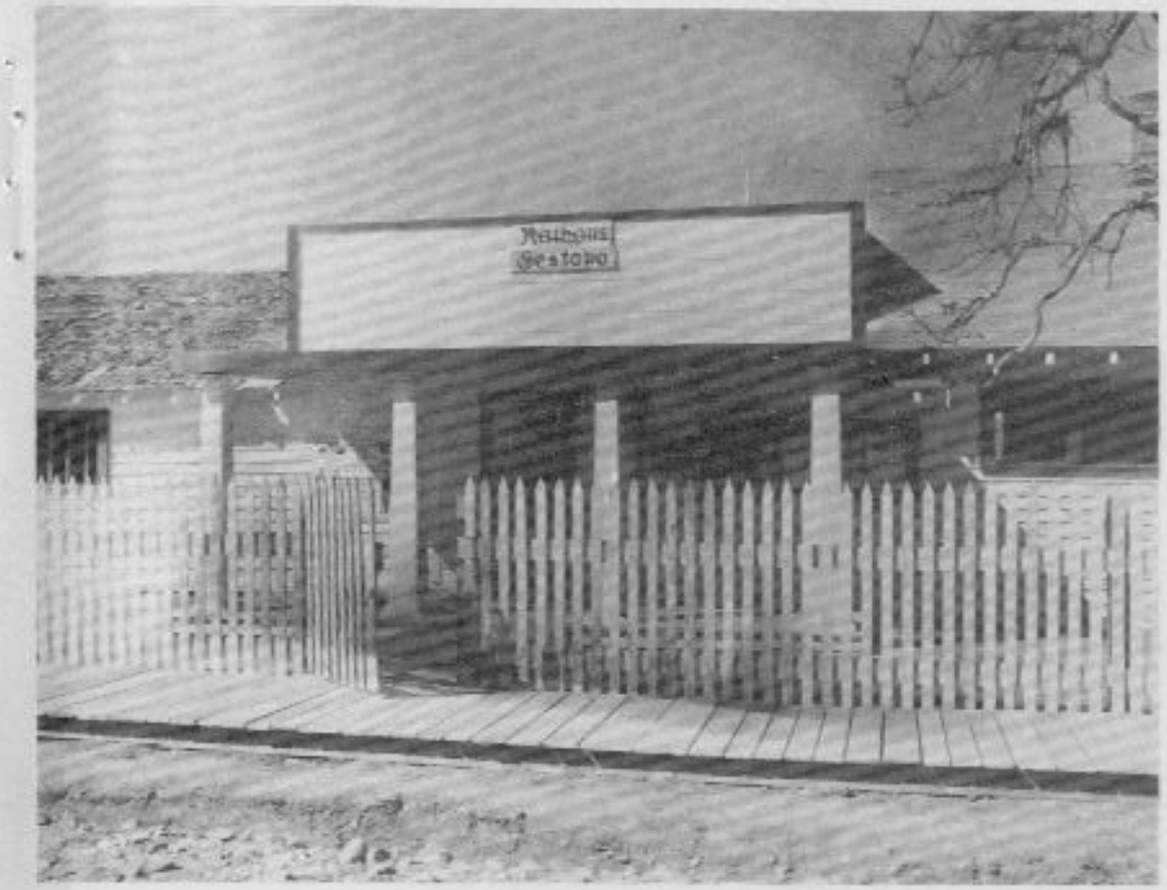
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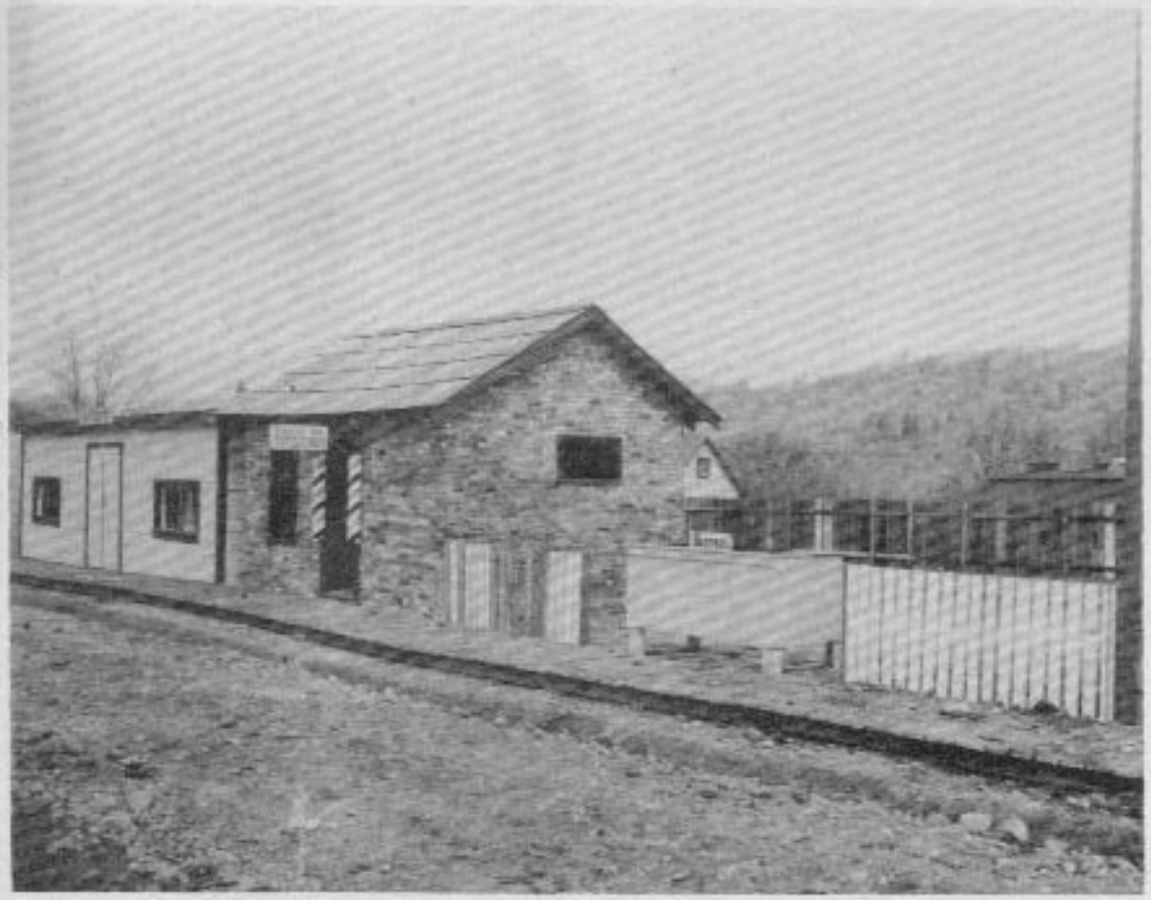

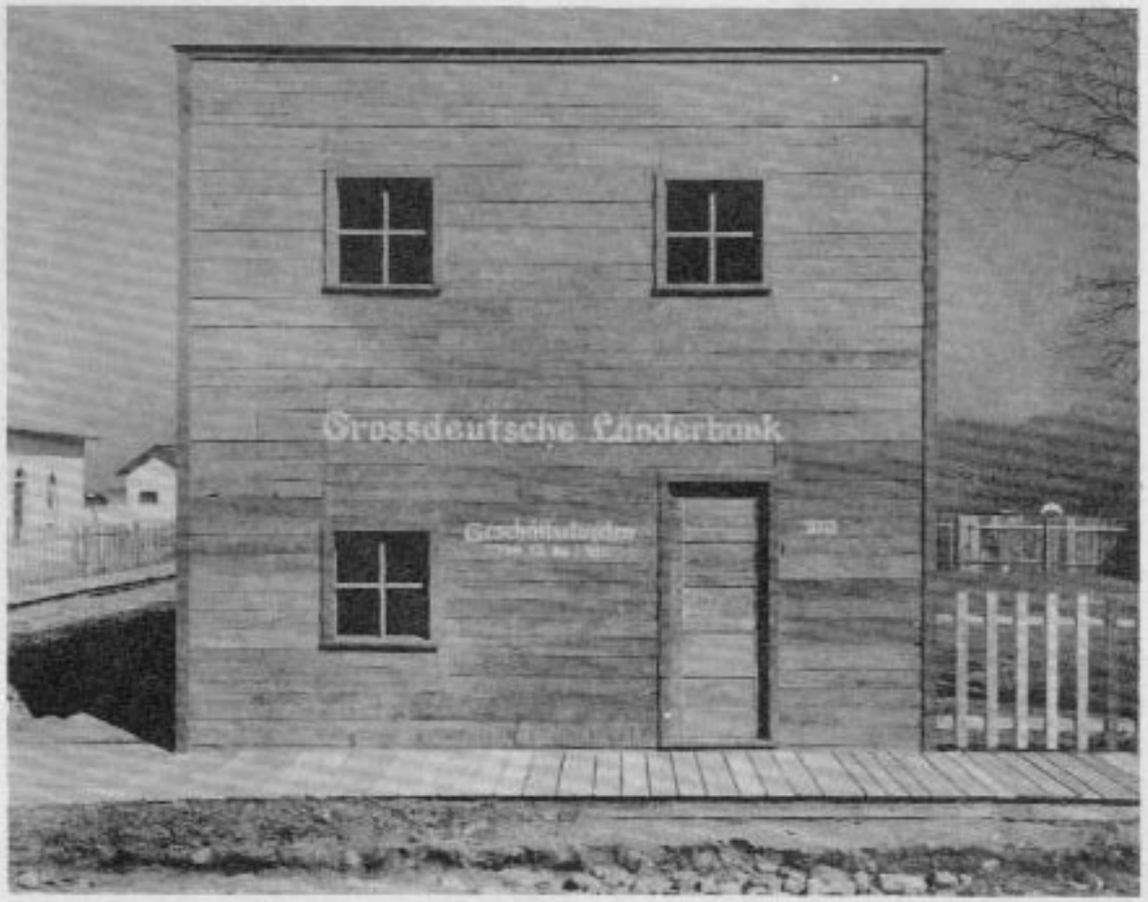
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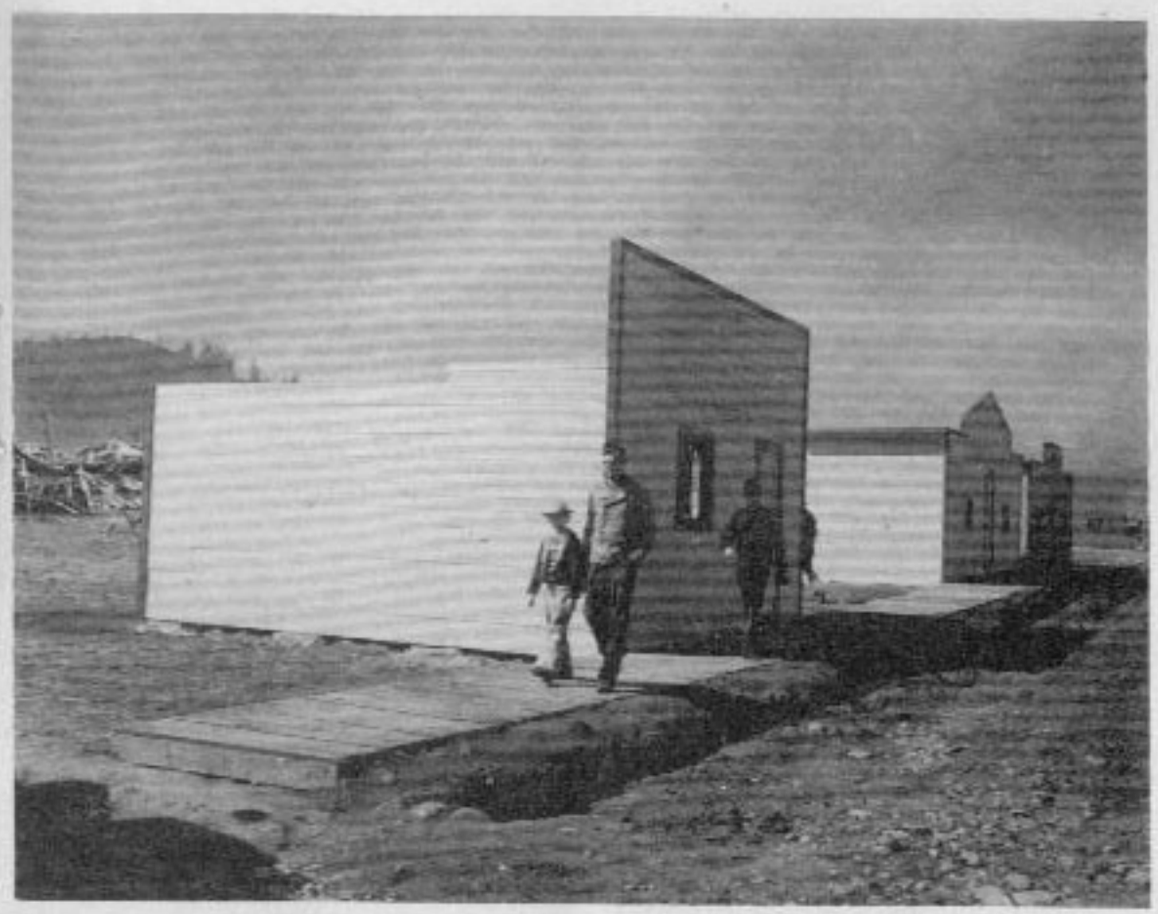
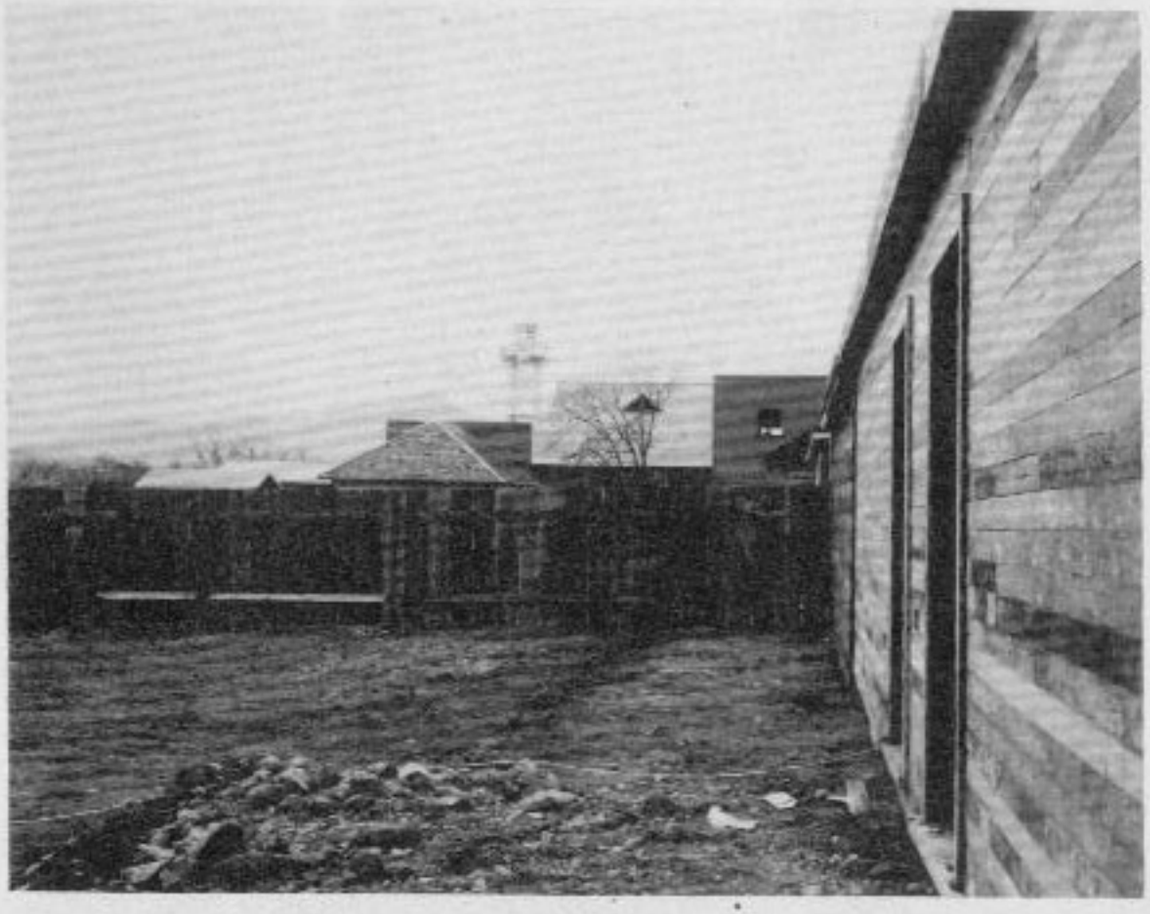
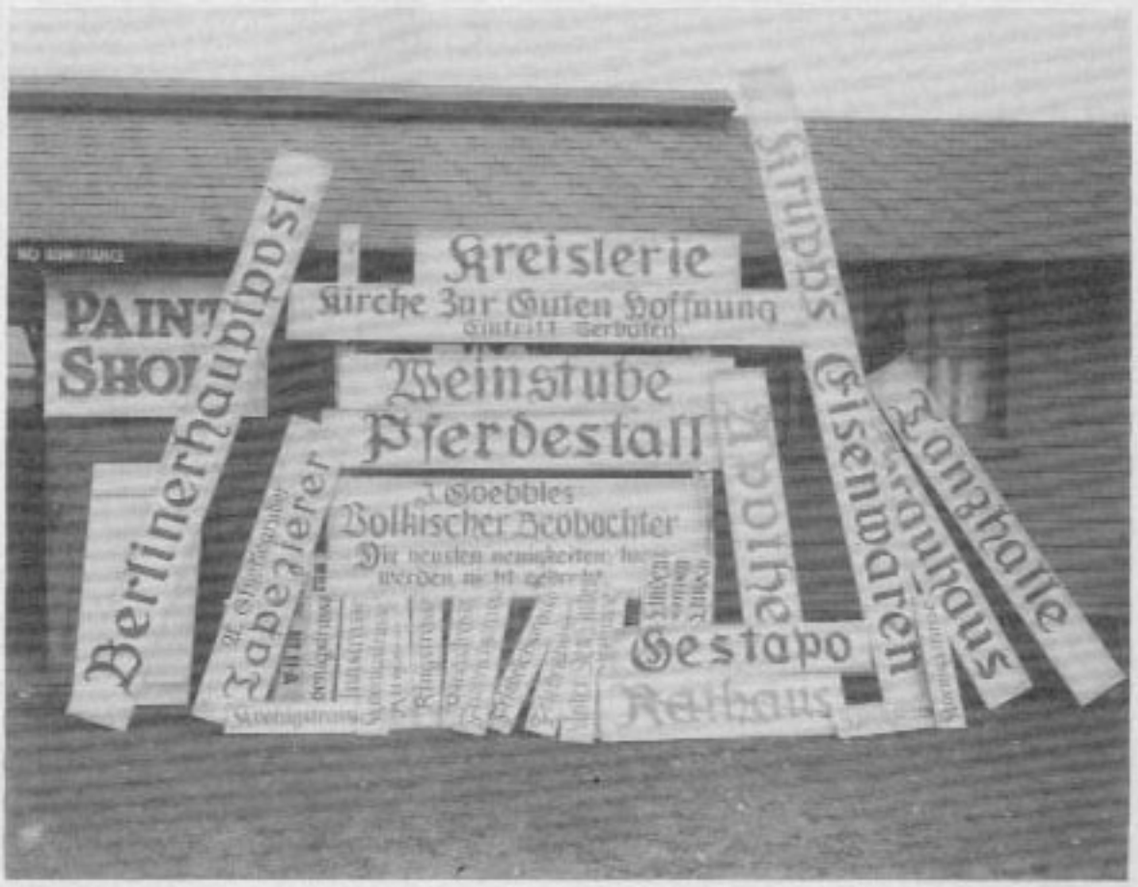






PAINT SHOP

POST & RAIL FENCE

SHANTY RESIDENCE
Showing Brothel Annex

PAPER HANGER 卐
A. Schickelgruber

LIBRARY

NOTION STORE
L-Shaped Building, (left center)

MAYOR'S RESIDENCE卐
Showing Himmler's Outhouse

SCHOOL
Corner of Unter den Linden & Freidrichstrasse

HOTEL

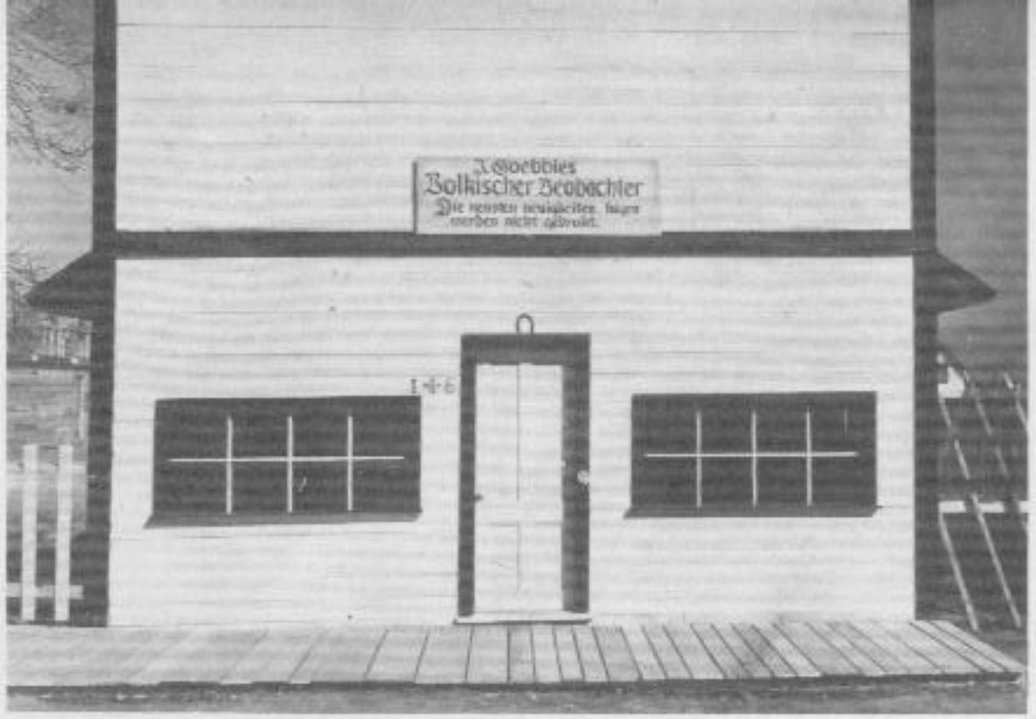
DRUG STORE

SHOE SHOP

HARNESS SHOP

FARM HOUSE

WATER TOWER



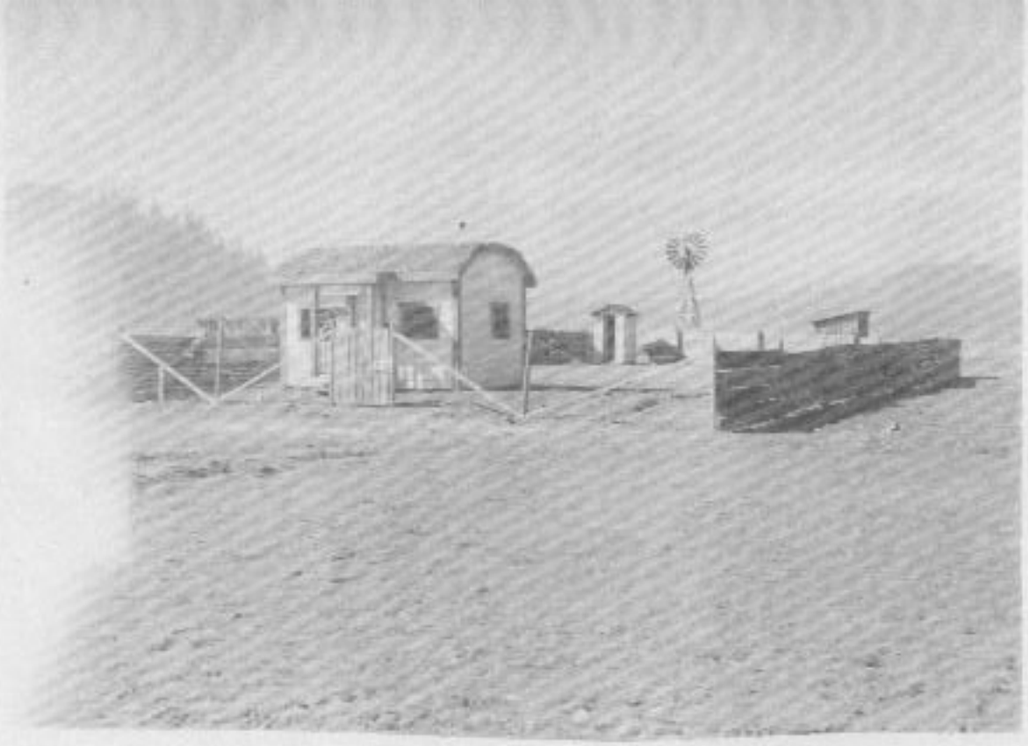
J.GOEBBELS "PEOPLES' OBSERVER" 卐
The Latest News, Lies Will Not be Printed

GREATER GERMANY BANK 卐
"Business Hours, 12-1"
Assets Unlimited - Liabilities Colossal
Cash on Hand, 1 Paper Mark

POST OFFICE

KRUPP'S HARDWARE

RESIDENCE



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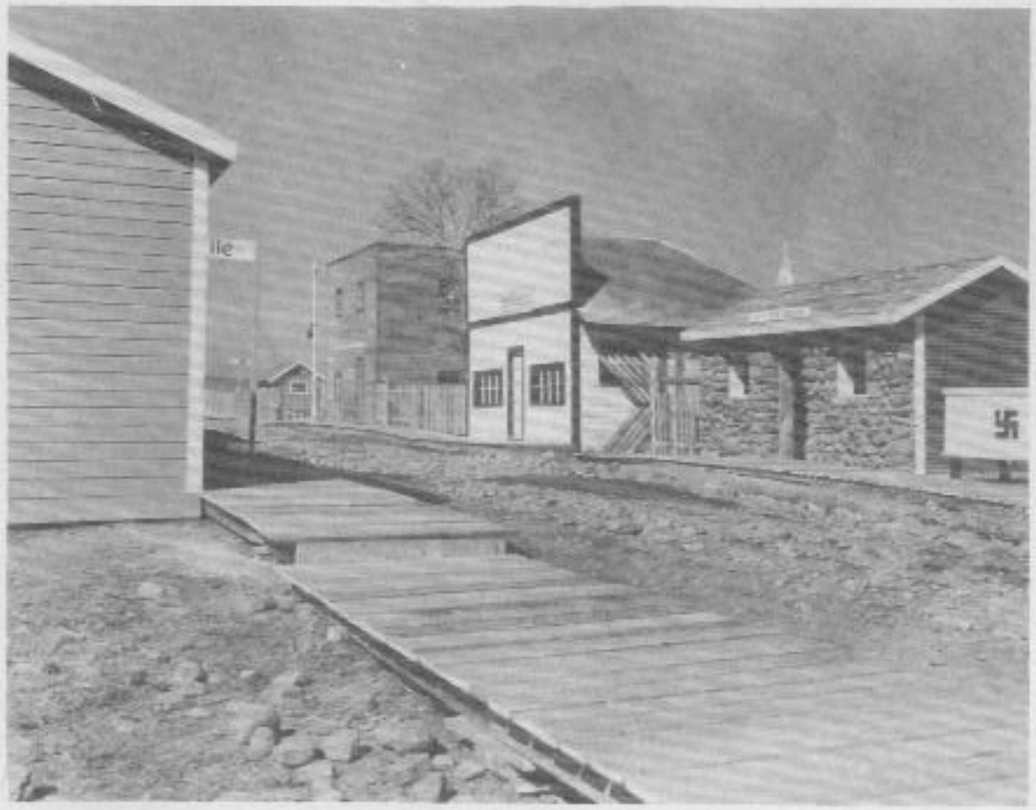

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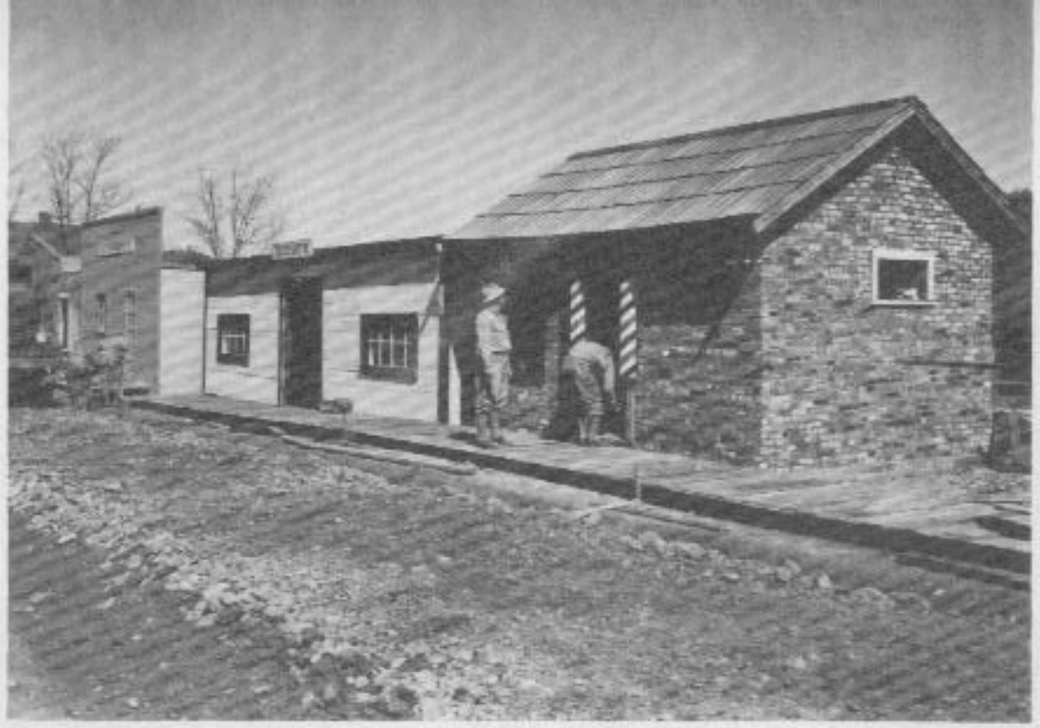


BARBER SHOP
1 Head — 1 Mark

GROCERY STORE

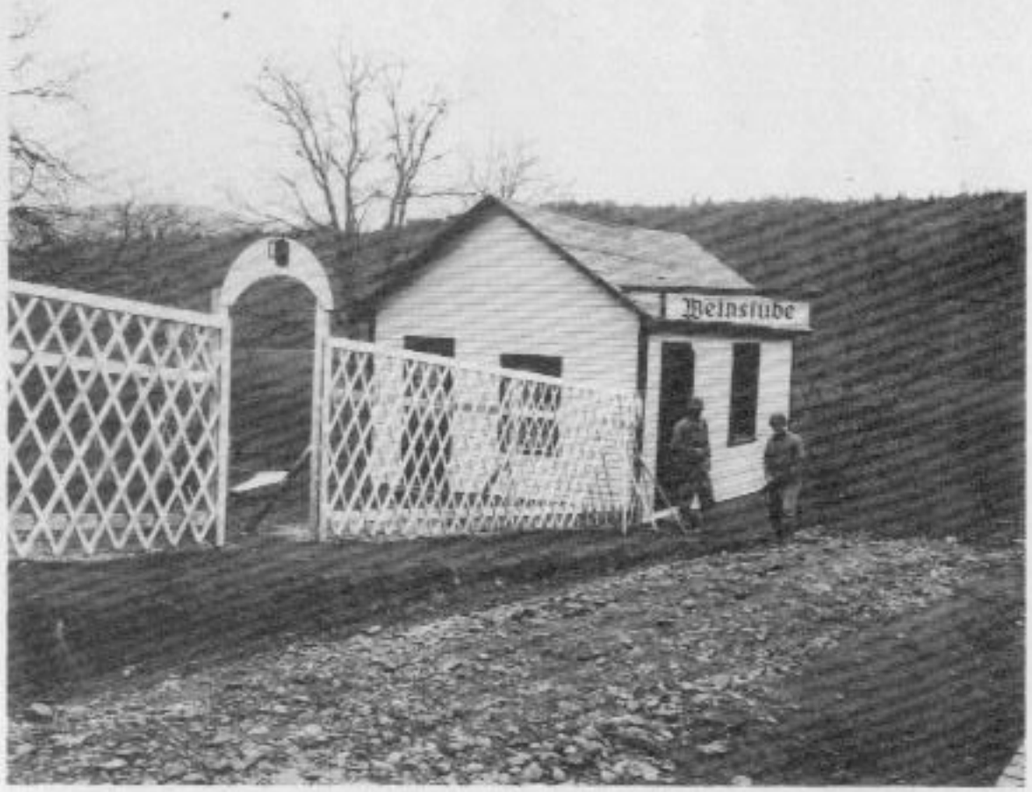
CHURCH OF GOOD HOPE
Entrance Forbidden

LUMBER COMPANY

COURTHOUSE 卐
Taken over by Gestapo

COURTHOUSE 卐
Rear View

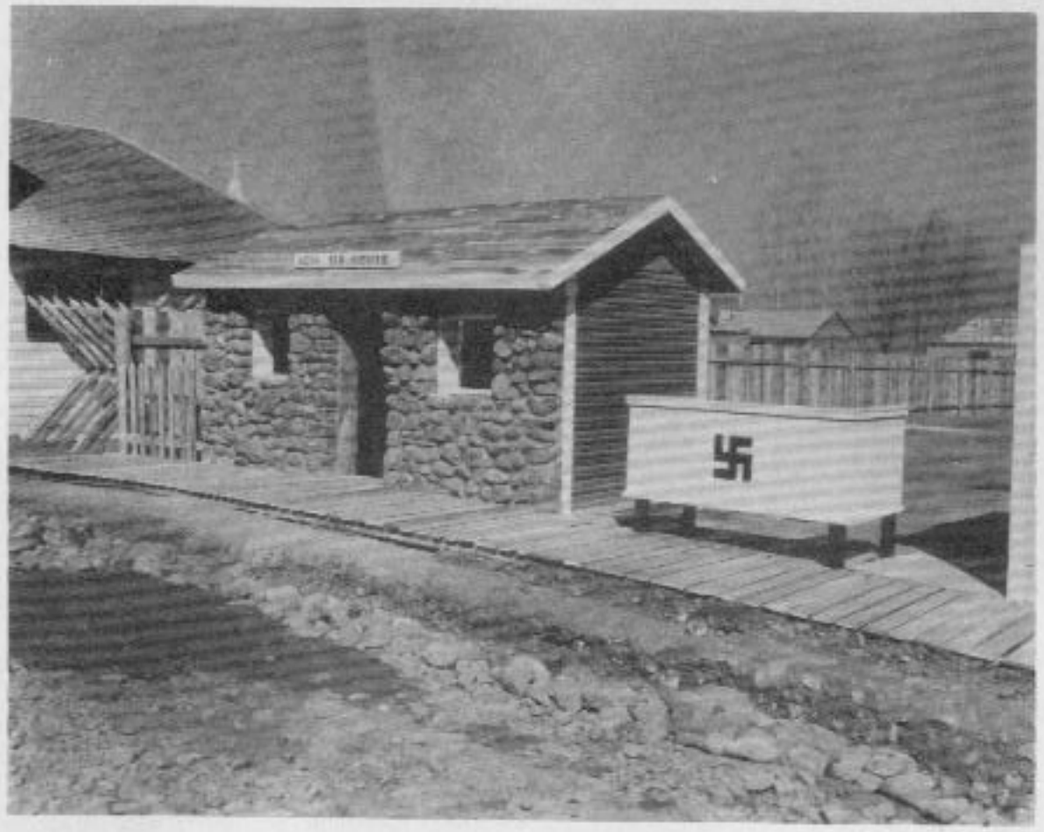
HOUSE OF ILL FAME 卐
H. Goering, Proprietor



BEER GARDEN

RESIDENCE

RESIDENCE
Showing Catwalk



PUMPHOUSE
Shows Road Obstacle – Comfort Station Sign – No Ice Today

LIVERY STABLE

VIEW From WATER TOWER

VIEW From WATER TOWER

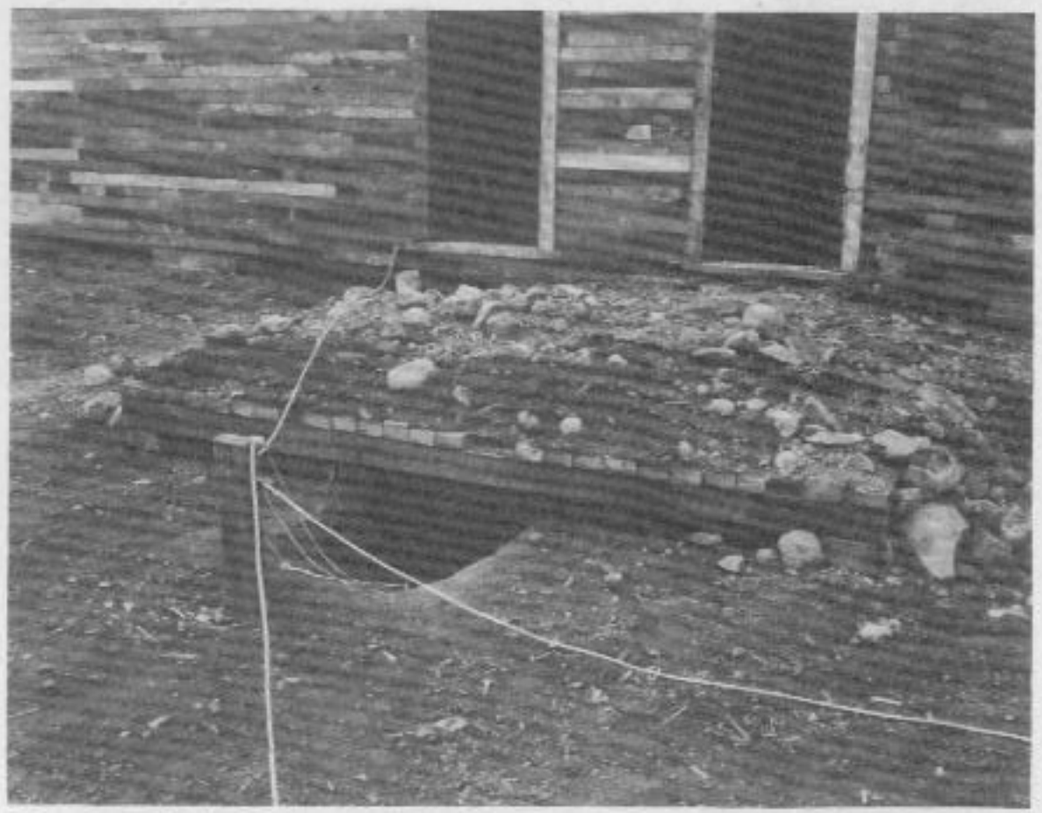
BARBED WIRE

VIEW From FARM HOUSE

COL. TROWER , MAJ. STELZENMULLER

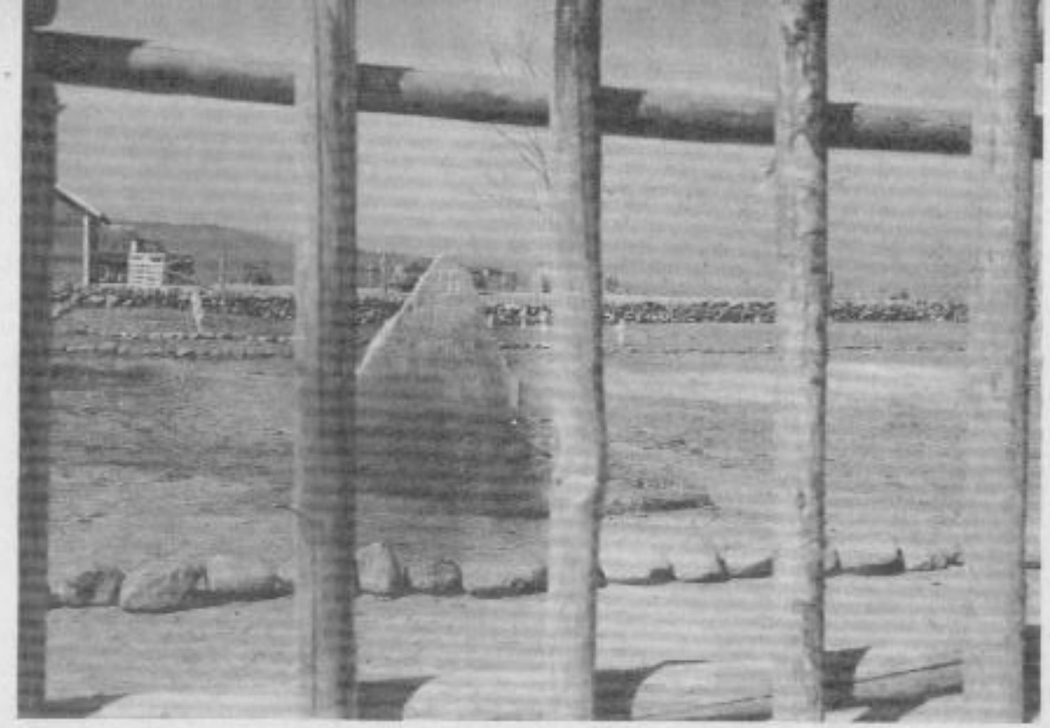
MAJ. GEN. GERHARDT
BRIG. GEN. THOMAS & Reviewing Party

CHURCH YARD



DETAIL of SURPRISE TARGETS

VIEW From WATER TOWER



GRAVE STONES
Seen from Jail

SHOWING STREETS
Erection of Limit Pole

STONE WALL

HISTORY OF THE 353 ENGINEERS SERVICE REGIMENT [EXCERPT]

This narrative is excerpted from an history of the 353 Engineers Service Regiment as recorded by Robert Sedgewick Maack (b. September 27, 1918, d. April 22, 2015), a Corporal with Battery "C" 114th F.A. 31st Division. Much of the narrative not excerpted here notes team sports competition results, and the names, ranks and dates of those assigned to the division. The full history is found http://www.ww2armycbs.org/docs/hst353_01.html as of January 2021.

DESCRIPTION: THE 353RD ENGINEERS (GENERAL SERVICE) WAS CONSTITUTED ON THE REGULAR ARMY INACTIVE LIST, PURSUANT TO LETTER FROM THE WAR DEPARTMENT, AG 320.2 (4-30-42), DATED 5 MAY 1942. AND AUTHORIZED TO BE MADE ACTIVE AT CAMP WHITE, OREGON, EARLY IN AUGUST, 1942. THE 353RD ENGINEERS HAS NO OTHER HISTORY AND IS NOT ENTITLED TO BATTLE HONORS.

ON THE 20TH AT 1100 THE 1ST BATTALION WAS ASSEMBLED ADJACENT TO THE COMBAT VILLAGE, WITH THE BAND ON THE RIGHT FLANK, TO OFFICIALLY TURN THE VILLAGE OVER TO GENERAL THOMAS, COMMANDING GENERAL, CAMP WHITE. AS GENERAL THOMAS DESCENDED FROM HIS CAR, THE BAND SOUNDED THE RUFFLES AND FLOURISH AND THE BATTALION WAS BROUGHT TO PRESENT ARMS. THE BATTALION COMMANDER CAPTAIN DARYLL C SPEARS WAS PRESENTED TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL BY REGIMENTAL COMMANDER COLONEL WENDELL P TROWER. CAPTAIN SPEARS THEN CONDUCTED THE GENERAL AND HIS STAFF ON AN INSPECTION TOUR OF THE VILLAGE. AFTER THIS INSPECTION THE GENERAL IN AN ADDRESS TO THE TROOPS ACCEPTED THE VILLAGE AND PRAISED THE WORK OF THE BATTALION.

THE COMBAT VILLAGE WAS CONSTRUCTED AS A PERMANENT INSTALLATION TO THE CAMP WHITE RANGE GROUP FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAINING TROOPS IN THE VARIOUS PHASES OF STREET FIGHTING, HOUSE CLEARING AND OTHER COMBAT PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN ACTIVE WARFARE

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ACTIVE WARFARE. WORK ON THE YILLAGE WAS BEGUN ON MARCH 1ST AND COMPLETED IN 15 WORKING DAYS BY IHE FIRST BATTALION AT AN APPROXIMATE STRENGTH OF 400 HEN.

COMFLETED DETAILED PROJECIS WERE AS FOLLOWS: SEVEN EXISTING STRUCTURES HAULED IN AND REMODELED, 1WENTY-TWO STRUCTURES CONSTRUCTED AT THE SIDE STREETS, FENCES, SIDEWALLS ETC., INSTALLED AND THE SYSTEM OF FIELD FORTIFICATIONS COMPLETED. TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE PROJECT WAS $868.55 INCLUDING MATERIALS AND HIRED EQUIPMENT.

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ON THE 18TH THE CAMP WHITE FORTIFICATION AREA WAS COMPLETED. THIS WAS A PROJECT, USING THE ENTIRE REGIMENT INCLUDING THE MEDICS AND THE BAND. STARTED ON MARCH 22ND AND COMPLETED IN FOUR (4) WEEKS. IT WAS LOCATED 7-1/2 MILES NORTH OF CAMP WHITE CANTONMENT AREA ON THE BEAGLE RANGE BETWEEN TABLE ROCK AND HILL 133O.

THE WORKS AND STRUCTURES INCLUDED AN ANTI-TANK OBSTACLE AND A TACTICAL WIRE ENTANGLEMENT EXTENDING ACROSS THE FRONT OF THE POSITION WITH TWENTY=EIGHT MUTUALLY SUPPORTING MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS DISPOSED ON AND AROUND A LOW ELONGATED HILL RISING ABOUT 5 FEET ABOVE THE FLOOR OF A FAIRLY EXTENSIVE VALLEY.

THIS PROJECT PROVIDED EXCELLENT TRAINING IN OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT, USE OF DEMOLITIONS, CARPENTRY, CONCRETE WORK. organization, SUPPLY AND DESIGN AS WELL AS LAYOUT AND CONSTRUCTION OF FORTIFIED WORKS.

FORTIFICATION AREA DATA OF INTEREST
AREA - 310 ACRES
TOTAL EXCAVATION - 12,206 CUBIC YARDS
PORTLAND CEMENT - 560,522 LBS (5,963 BAGS)
DYNAMITE - 500 LBS
LOG HURDLES - 1,100 LINEAL YARDS
CONCRETE AND MORTAR - 1.024 CUBIC YARDS
LUMBER - 220,270 BOARD FEET (12" X 12" X 1")
DOUBLE APRON FENCE - 3,900 LINEAL YARDS
ANTI-TANK DITCH - 1,000 LINEAL YARDS

EFFECTIVE ON THE 18TH COL. TROWER ALLOWED 25% OF THE COMMAND 12 DAYS LEAVES AND FURLOUGHS. ON THE 26TH THE REGIMENT RECEIVED TELEGRAPHIC ORDERS TO REPORT TO CAMP STONEMAN, PITTSBURG, CALIFORNIA DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS MAY 8, 1943.

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A SUMMARY OF VARIOUS PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED BY UNITS OF THIS REGIMENT AT CAMP WHITE AS PART OF ITS TRAINING PROGRAM AND NOT MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY ARE:

1. GRADE EASEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF RAILROAD SPURS
2. LOADING PLATFORM RAMPS
3. WELDING SHOP ADDITION
4. TIN SHOP ADDITION
5. STOCKADE FENCE, TOWERS AND WALK WAYS
6. BAYONET DUMMY FRAMES AND TOWER.
7. FIXED BRIDGE
8. INCINERATOR SLAB
9. FILL BOX IN DISPERSAL AREA
10. CONSTRUCTION OF CULVERTS THROUGHOUT CAMP AREA WEST OF LITTLE BUTTE ROAD.
11. PADDOCK FENCE AND CONCRETE FLOOR SLAB FOR STABLE
12. GAS CHAMBER ADDITION
13. SALVAGE WAREHOUSE CONSTRUCTION
14. MISCELLANEOUS FENCES IN CANTONMENT AND TRAINING AREAS

UNIT STRENGTH: 15 OFFICERS - 1276 ENLISTED MEN

ON THE 2ND THE BULLDOZER BASEBALL TEAM WON THEIR 9TH CONSECUTIYE GAME BY DEFEATING THE 516TH ENGINEERS WITH A SCORE OF 17 TO 4.

THE REGIMENTAL COLORS WERE PRESENTED TO THE REGIMENT ON THE 5TH AT A RETREAT PARADE BY BRIGADIER GENERAL AMOS THOMAS, COMMANDING GENERAL, CAMP WHITE, OREGON. GENERAL THOMAS HIGHLY COMMENDED THE REGIMENT FOR ITS WORK AT CAMP WHITE.

ON THE 7TH, THE REGIMENT'S LAST OFFICIAL DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM CAMP WHITE TO CAMP STONEMAN, CALIF., AT A REGIMENTAL FORMATION, THE REGIMENTAL COAT OF ARMS WAS REMOVED AND PLACED IN STORAGE AND THE REGIMENTAL COLORS AND COMPANY GUIDONS WERE PLACED UNDER SEAL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT WILL AGAIN BE APPROPRIATE TO DISPLAY THEM. THE REGIMENT WAS FORMED FACING THE COAT OF ARMS, WHICH WAS PLACED PARALLEL TO 11TH STREET, MIDWAY BETWEEN "B" AND "C" STREETS. THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER, COLONEL TROWER, MADE A BRIEF COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS, NOTING THE FACT THAT THE THREE SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE REGIMENT, M/SGTS KUNA, MEYER AND WANNER, WHO ORIGINALLY PLACED THE PLAQUE IN PLACE, REMOVED IT. HE ADDED THAT THE PLAQUE HAD HELD ITS POSITION OF HONOR AS A WITNESS TO THE REGIMENTS GROWTH, TRAINING AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DIRECTED THAT IT BE REMOVED AND STORED AND THAT THE COLORS AND GUIDONS BE PLACED UNDER SEAL.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE 7TH, THE 353RD ENGINEER (G.S.) REGIMENT DEPARTED CAMP WHITE AND PROCEEDED TO CAMP STONEMAN. CALIF. ON TWO TRAINS AT 1700 AND 1900, PER PAR. 7, SO#104, HQS., CAMP WHITE, OREGON, DATED 4 MAY 1943, FOR A PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION.